

UNCLASSIFIEDOLL/LD
INCOMING

01/ /

FRP: .2,3, , .6, ,

STAT

-1993

84 4034220 SUR

PAGE 001
TOR: 010114Z MAY 84

NC 4034220

00 RUEAIIB
ZNR UUUUU ZOC STATE ZZH
UTS3543
00 RUEHC
DE RUEHTH #6564/01 1211510
ZNR UUUUU ZZH
O 301506Z APR 84
FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS
TO RUEHFO/USINFO WASHDC IMMEDIATE
INFO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 2928
RUFHNA/USMISSION USNATO 2425
RUEHAK/AMEMBASSY ANKARA 4055
RUEHBS/AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS 5120
RUQMOG/AMEMBASSY NICOSIA 0161
RUEHDM/AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS 2376
RUEHAU/AMCONSUL THESSALONIKI 5731
RUFHEPC/EUROPEAN POLADS COLLECTIVE
BT
UNCLAS ATHENS 06564

USIA

FOR P/RM, P/P, F/W, P/PN, VOA NEWS, EU
BRUSSELS FOR USEC

E.O. 12356:N/A
SUBJECT: WEEKLY PRESS REVIEW

1. THIS IS AN INFORMATION MESSAGE. NO ACTION REQUIRED.

2. MAJOR STORIES IN THE GREEK PRESS APRIL 25-30:

-CODEL O'NEILL VISITS GREECE.
-PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER CONFER ON EURO-PARLIAMENT
ELECTIONS.

- PAPANDREOU AND PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU DISCUSS FUTURE
MOVES ON CYPRUS ISSUE.

- OLYMPIC FLAME CONTROVERSY.
- VISIT TO ATHENS OF SYRIAN VICE PRESIDENT.

3. CODEL O'NEILL VISITS GREECE: THE VISIT BY THE TEN-MEMBER
DELEGATION TO GREECE AND THE GROUP'S MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT KARAMANLIS, PM PAPANDREOU AND SPEAKER OF
PARLIAMENT ALEVRAS WERE REPORTED IN STRAIGHT-FORWARD
MANNER BY THE GREEK MEDIA, MOST NEWSPAPERS SAYING
"THE TALKS TOOK PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF UNDERSTANDING."
REPORTS WERE COUPLED WITH PAPANDREOU STATEMENTS THAT
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN WERE "STRAIGHT,
SINCERE AND PRODUCTIVE." TA NEA (PRO-GOG) SAID GREEK
OFFICIALS "WERE SATISFIED WITH THE MEETINGS ... BECAUSE
THE CONGRESSMEN SHOWED UNDERSTANDING FOR GREEK POSITIONS."
KATHIMERINI (OPPOSITION) EDITORIALIZED THAT "THE U.S.
CONGRESS SHOWS SPECIAL UNDERSTANDING AND SENSITIVITY
FOR GREECE'S FOREIGN POLICY, WHICH WAS CONFIRMED
BY THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE'S RECENT
DECISION TO TIE AID TO TURKEY WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS."
INDEFATIGABLE RIZOSPASTIS (MOSCOW-LINE COMMUNIST)
SAID "THE GUESTS CAME, SAW, AND LEFT. THEY DID NOT
OPENLY DISAGREE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITIONS, BUT...
THEY SHOWED NATO'S INTERESTS COME ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE."
4. PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER CONFER ON EURO-PARLIAMENT

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

84 4034220 SUR

PAGE 002
TOR: 010114Z MAY 84

NC 4034220

ELECTIONS: ALL PAPERS CARRIED PROMINENT REPORTS APRIL 26 ON A KARAMANLIS-PAPANDREOU MEETING REGARDING THE JUNE 17 EURO-ELECTIONS. OPPOSITION PAPERS SAW THE SESSION AS A KARAMANLIS INITIATIVE TO MODIFY STRIDENT CAMPAIGN RHETORIC. ACROPOLIS (CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION) CLAIMED KARAMANLIS MADE "AUSTERE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ANDREAS" DUE TO THE PRESIDENT'S "ALARM OVER THE BITTER ATMOSPHERE SHROUDING GREECE'S POLITICAL LIFE." AVGHI(EURO-COMMUNIST), REPEATING ITS FAMILIAR TUNE, SPECULATED THAT THE PRESIDENT "TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT ALL POLITICAL PARTIES SHOULD BE GIVEN EQUAL TREATMENT IN TV COVERAGE OF THE CAMPAIGN."

5. PAPANDREOU AND PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU DISCUSS FUTURE MOVES ON CYPRUS ISSUE: PAPANDREOU-KYPRIANOU CONSULTATIONS IN ATHENS BEFORE THE CYPRIOT PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO NEW YORK RECEIVED MAJOR COVERAGE AS DID THE PRIME MINISTER'S "WARNING" TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH "EXERT INTOLERABLE PRESSURE ON THE U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL NOT TO DISCLOSE THE TRUTH REGARDING CYPRUS." ALL PAPERS QUICKLY IDENTIFIED "THOSE COUNTRIES" TO BE THE U.S. AND WEST GERMANY. OPPOSITION PAPERS CRITICIZED THE PM FOR HIS "ANTI-WESTERN DELIRIUM." VRADYNI (OPPOSITION) NOTED THAT "THE GREEK SIDE APPEARS TO BE RESORTING TO THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL WITHOUT ADEQUATE PREPARATION." THE PAPER WARNED THAT "GREECE AGAIN IS LASHING OUT AT FRIENDS AND ALLIES FROM WHOM WE EXPECT HELP ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE." KATHIMERINI (OPPOSITION) HIGHLIGHTED NEW DEMOCRACY LEADER AVEROF'S ATTACK AGAINST "THE UNSTEADY AND CONTRADICTIONARY POLICIES OF THE PRIME MINISTER, WHICH HARM THE NATION'S PRESTIGE."

6. OLYMPIC FLAME CONTROVERSY: ALL PAPERS APRIL 27 REPORTED THE GREEK OLYMPIC COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO CANCEL THE TRADITIONAL FLAME-LIGHTING CEREMONY IN OLYMPIA BECAUSE "WE ARE NOT ABLE TO GUARANTEE DELIVERY OF THE FLAME." VRADYNI (OPPOSITION) EDITORIALIZED THAT "GREECE IS DISCREDITED WORLD-WIDE AFTER THE UNACCEPTABLE ACTIONS OF PASOK AND KKE." THE PAPER CALLED THE CANCELLATION "A CLEAR POLITICAL ACT AT THE MOMENT WHEN GREECE NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF MORE AND MORE COUNTRIES." EVEN AFTER A REPORTED INTERVENTION IN THE CONTROVERSY BY PRESIDENT KARAMANLIS, THERE WAS MUCH MEDIA SPECULATION ON JUST HOW THE FLAME-LIGHTING CEREMONY WOULD BE HANDLED AND ON THE POTENTIAL NEGATIVE IMPACT OF THE CONTROVERSY FOR GREECE. ACROPOLIS (CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION) FORESAW THAT

USIA

FOR P/RM, P/P, F/W, P/PN, VOA NEWS, EU
BRUSSELS FOR USECE.O. 12356: N/A
SUBJECT: WEEKLY PRESS REVIEW

"BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INCOHERENT POLICY AND CLUMSY, AMATEURISH HANDLING OF GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED ORGANIZATIONS, AMERICAN ORGANIZERS OF THE GAMES PROBABLY WILL HAVE GREECE MARCH IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER IN THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY INSTEAD OF LEADING THE OLYMPIC PARADE AS TRADITIONALLY HAS BEEN THE CASE."

7. VISIT TO ATHENS OF SYRIAN VICE-PRESIDENT: ALL PAPERS PROMINENTLY AND EXTENSIVELY COVERED SYRIAN VICE-PRESIDENT KHADAM'S VISIT TO ATHENS APRIL 25-27 WITH POST MEETING REFERENCES TO PRIME MINISTER PAPANDREOU'S UNDERSCORING OF "SYRIA'S IMPRESSIVE POLICIES" AND "THE RARE IDENTIFICATION OF VIEWS" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. ALSO HEADLINED WERE "SYRIA'S UNRESERVED SUPPORT FOR THE GREEK POSITION ON CYPRUS AND IN THE AEGEAN" AND "GREECE'S RECOGNITION OF SYRIA'S POSITIVE ROLE IN LEBANON." KATHIMERINI (OPPOSITION) WROTE THAT "DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

84 4034220

SUR

PAGE 003

NC 4034220

TOR: 010114Z MAY 84

WONDER HOW GREECE CAN BE IN SUCH AGREEMENT WITH ONE
ARAB STATE WHEN DISAGREEMENTS AND DIVISIONS ARE SO
WIDESPREAD IN THE ARAB WORLD." OPPOSITION PAPERS PLAYED
UP AVEROF'S RHETORICAL NOTE FOLLOWING KHADAM'S DEPARTURE.
THE ND LEADER ASKED: "IS GREECE GOING TO END ITS RELATIONS
WITH THE WEST AND IDENTIFY ITS POLICIES WITH SYRIA'S,
WHICH CLEARLY ARE PRO-SOVIET?"WOZNIAK
END OF MESSAGE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED